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Title: DISHWASHING MACHINE

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98, I am submitting a completed "INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANTS" (*Form PTO/SB/08A*) with patents and/or publications as delineated therein attached.

DE 39 18 085 C2 discloses that, in order to control the internal lighting of a refrigerator, a tongue contact (14) is subjected to magnetic influence by a permanent magnet (2) installed on the cheek (side piece) (10) of the door (1). The magnetic flux is transmitted between the permanent magnet (2) and the tongue contact (14), which is located at a distance therefrom, by means of two magnetic flux baffles (5, 6) which are embedded in the housing wall (9). An amplifier circuit (4) is connected to the tongue contact (14). As a result, the depository containers (8) contained in the door - which normally switch the lighting on and off via feelers - can be used in an arrangement which can be replaced and adjusted for height.

EP 1 030 236 A2 discloses that a controller for the household device has a sensor (4) that detects the connection or presence of operating fuel and or material. If the required connections are made and the necessary operating materials are available then the device is switched (8) to a standard operating condition and if not it is switched to showroom operation mode.

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DE 197 58 062 A1 discloses that, during the prewash part of a dishwasher program cycle, the main wash water is introduced into a reservoir and heated in preparation for the main wash part of the program.

DE 42 12 510 A1 discloses that the lighting unit (1) and the reed switch (2) are arranged near a vertical partition (3) within the cabinet, and linked by a wiring duct (4). The switch is opened by a magnet (7) secured to the inside of the door (5) in the vicinity of its seal (6) when the door is shut. Opening of the door withdraws the magnet from within the range of its influence on the reed switch, which consequently closes so that power is supplied to the lamp until the door is closed again.

DE 6917814 U discloses a cooling apparatus having a contact bridge 25 that electrically connects the two ends of a contact spring 23 upon opening of the door of the cooling apparatus and thereby effects illumination of a light 24.

If no translation of pertinent portions of any foreign language patents or publications mentioned within the "INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANTS" is included with the aforementioned copies of those applications, patents and/or publications, it is because no existing translation is readily available to the Applicants. As per the Notice in 1273 OG 55 (August 5, 2003) no copies of any above-mentioned US patents and US patent application publications are submitted for this application which was filed after June 30, 2003.

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